

*City of Calexico
City Council
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Mayor's Message

A Message From Mayor Ouzan

CITY OF CALEXICO

To Calexico Residents:

The City of Calexico, like many other cities, faces extraordinary challenges in financing essential services in a time of economic crisis in the world. The City Council, as leaders, with the help of City Staff and the residents of Calexico need to work together to ensure our City's priorities for financial stability are not compromised.

The City's budget is a comprehensive public document that encompasses the work of several months of planning, calculations, and negotiations. The budget sets forth the parameters for funding the administration and services provided to our residents within our capacity to generate revenues to pay for those costs.

As the Mayor of Calexico, I want to ensure that our citizens feel safe and continue to enjoy the services they have come to demand and appreciate. As we are faced with the City's growth over the past decade, the demand for services has risen proportionate to that growth. Calexico is unique in that we face additional challenges and opportunities being located on the border with Mexico. Our local economy thrives on people crossing the border daily to shop and work and Calexico has been suffering the consequences of the recession.

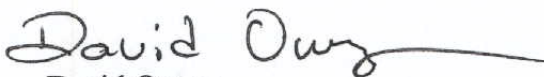
The City is presenting the budget for Fiscal Year 2009-10 using carryover fund balance, being mindful of how difficult the process was to reduce the General Fund shortfall, while providing an acceptable level of services. Negotiations with the 5 employee bargaining groups were concluded with reasonable terms that were acceptable to both the City and the employees. I take this opportunity to thank all the dedicated employees at every level, who accepted wage concessions in order to reduce the overall cost of salaries and benefits.

Even though this budget includes the use of \$500,000 of General Fund Reserves, the reserves will only be transferred, as necessary. The City has committed to rebuild the reserve, as soon as financially feasible.

The recently renovated Calexico Cultural Arts and Carnegie Library buildings are scheduled to remain open to the public by reducing other General Fund costs and seeking public donations.

I want to thank all of those who work and live in Calexico for being part of our great City. Our primary purpose is to make this City a better place to work and live.

Sincerely,



David Ouzan
Mayor